

LOCAL NEWS.

To Advertisers.

Nearly 15 thousand copies of the *Advertiser* are circulated among the floating population every day, besides a large number served to regular subscribers. Advertisers will take note accordingly.

BEST COUNCILS.

BOARD OF ADVISERS.—The President had before the Board a communication from the Mayor, approving certain acts.

Also, a memorandum from J. C. Cook, asking permission to erect a stable on Sixth street, and a plan was referred.

Mr. Moore, from the Committee on Improvements, reported a bill authorizing the improvement of U street road, between Twelfth and Eleventh, Passed.

Also, bills for repairing of imperfect footways. Passed.

Also, a bill to have the Mayor to repair certain paved roads. Passed.

Also, a bill authorizing eight hundred dollars for the use of the basement of the City Hall.

Also, a bill authorizing the Mayor to have the engines on Eleventh Street, between E and F streets, repaired. Passed.

Dr. Magruder, from the Committee on Health, to whom was referred the nomination of A. Lucas for surgeon for the second district of the first ward, reported the same back, with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed. The appointment of Mr. Lucas was then confirmed.

The appointments of the following gentlemen, to fill certain vacancies, were also confirmed:

Messrs. J. B. Ellis and J. O. Wilson, trustees for the public schools; John Seaford, Jr., as trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools.

Harrison Taylor, commissioner of the Eastern Market, vice J. M. Downing, declined.

B. W. Ferguson, police magistrate of the eighth district.

The following nominations were rejected:

H. Liles as clerk for the Central Market; J. Bowen, as clerk for the Northern Market; U. B. Mitchell, as assistant clerk for the Centre, Passed.

Mr. Richards moved that the vote by which U. B. Mitchell was rejected be reconsidered. Agreed to.

Mr. Mitchell was again placed before the Board for confirmation, when he was again rejected.

Dr. Magruder offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, requested to ask the Committee of Public Works to direct the officers to prevent children and others from hanging on or playing about the Government ambulances, many of which are used to transport living as well as dead bodies infected with smallpox.

Mr. Moore. That will frighten the whole community, Doctor.

Dr. Magruder. That is precisely what I want to do.

Mr. Magruder offered a joint resolution, which was passed, authorizing the assessors to assess the property belonging to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

After the passage of a number of bills, sent from the lower Board, the Board adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.—Mr. Calian presented the petition of Stephen Bayley, asking permission to build a porch to his house on A street. Referred to Committee on Improvements.

Also, a joint resolution, that the joint committee charged with naming certain public squares of the city, be directed to suggest names for the avenues and streets not yet named. Passed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Improvements, reported a bill for the erection of a stone wall on the north side of square 623. Passed.

Also, a bill to improve North Capitol street, between C street and the Depot. Passed.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill providing for an assistant to the Register, for increasing the compensation, and imposing additional duties. Ordered to be printed, and made the special order for next meeting.

Mr. Mulroy offered a substitute for the bill making appropriations for repairs to certain public and flag foot-ways in the fifth ward. Passed.

Mr. Edmonston introduced a bill making an appropriation for laying a flag foot-way across K street, on the west side of Eighteenth street west. Passed.

Mr. Murtagh, from the Committee on Public Schools, reported a bill entitled "An Act to establish an act for the establishment of more efficient schools, and for the public schools of Washington." Ordered to be printed, and made the order for the next meeting.

Mr. Magruder, from the Committee on the Fire Department, reported a bill for the relief of Mr. McDermott. Passed.

Adjourned.

Fire.

About one o'clock yesterday morning, a fire broke out in the large three-story brick building on Louisiana Avenue, just below the central guard-house. The building was owned by Charles Lyons, Esq., of this city, and the lower story was occupied as a sutler's store, by Mr. Meunken, and the rest of the building, by Mr. John Pettibone, a bookbindery. Paper shavings were thrown from the binderies, through a trap-door, to the lower floor of the building, and the rest of the store. Smoke was first discovered through this trap into the binderies above by some of the hands of the establishment, and was found to proceed from the paper shavings, which had, by some means, caught on fire.

From the combustible nature of the materials in the binderies, the progress of the flames was rapid, and some of the girls employed in the establishment narrowly escaped with their lives. Some were taken out of the burning story front window, and several of them escaped by getting out of the building on to a shed in the rear.

The Franklin Fire Company, which was first upon the ground, did good service, but could do no more than hold the wind, which is in ruins. The Pennsylvania, the Union, and Anacostia fire companies, were also present, with their apparatus, and worked like good fellows, but owing to the heatway the fire had made previous to their arrival, could render no effective service.

Mr. Meunken succeeded in saving most of his goods, which consisted mainly of groceries and hardware stores. Mr. Pettibone lost nearly everything. About \$60,000 worth of Government books, in progress of binding, were consumed by the flames. The loss of Mr. Pettibone, independent of the books belonging to the Government, is very heavy. He is the Monte blind.

During last evening, several alarms occurred from the flames bursting forth anew, and were sounded for the safety of a number of frame buildings in the rear. The alarm, however, aided by the police force, succeeded in subduing the flames, and the surrounding property was saved.

New Express Line Between New York and Washington.

We shall with pleasure, as doubtless will all the citizens of this District interested in the transportation of goods, the fact that we are to have improved facilities of transportation between Washington and the Northern cities.

Mr. A. D. Hope, of H. P. & Co.'s Express Company, who has been in this city for several days past, has effected arrangements by which freight from New York, or any of the Northern cities, will be transmitted to Washington without change of cars, without delay, and at reduced rates. The express will run from New York via Harrisburg, and a special messenger will accompany each train in order to secure safety and dispatch. The new office is at No. 548, Pennsylvania avenue.

Deaths of Soldiers.

The following soldiers have died since our last report:

Michael Daley, company F, First Cavalry Brigade, at the Union Hospital, Georgetown.

John Peck, company D, Fifth Vermont volunteers, Columbia College Hospital.

J. Barr, company H, Third Pennsylvania, Columbia College Hospital.

Todd, company I, First regiment District of Columbia volunteers, Columbia College Hospital.

S. Black, company H, Barr's cavalry, Columbia College Hospital.

B. Todd, company I, First regiment District of Columbia volunteers, Columbia College Hospital.

Wanted.—A first class young soldier, good for service in a small family. She must come recommended. Enquire at 377 Fifth street, between G and H.

Accompanied by Mr. Wilcox, (the gallant Cavalier,) yesterday afternoon, paid a visit to the camp of the United States Chasseurs, near Georgetown. General Custer, who was most agreeably entertained by the colonel commanding the detachment, Hon. John C. Frémont, the party expressed themselves highly gratified in their visit with the superior position and order of the camp.

There was a superb view from the heights of Georgetown Hill, to witness the fortifications and the streets. Presiding in the rear, says, who appeared to sight the last time, to cover the fortifications, will be seen by the advertisement. Miss Lydia Payne, the celebrated operatic vocalist, will appear. The entertainments at the Castle Fort will be very popular. The present management's complete success, and must be successful, while it is conducted in its present style.

Yesterdays.

Yesterday afternoon, about one o'clock, while Doctor Riley was driving up Pennsylvania Avenue, in his buggy, he became engaged with a party of Government wagons, which prevented him from getting through to the right-hand distance, when a cavalry officer dashed into his buggy, and his horse was turned, but, from the conundrum, the leg must have received a slight injury.

Death by Suffocation.

A white man, whose name we have not been able to ascertain, was found dead on Dowling's lime-kilns, in Georgetown, on Sunday morning.

He probably lay down there for the warmth from one of the kilns, which was burning, and was suffocated by the fumes from it. His body was badly burned, but it probably occasioned no active movements of any character, as noted.

The state of affairs at Fortress Monroe are reported quiet, and no active movements of any character are noted.

With the exception that several steamers, with their crews, have been engaged in the transportation of troops from Annapolis to Fort Monroe, where they are congregated for the purpose of accompanying a second naval expedition to some Southern destination, made public, and the action of the Minister.

Arrival of the steamer *Adelaide*.

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Arrival of the steamer *Happy Darky*.

The *Happy Darky*, came in at 12 o'clock, and was welcomed in bringing a pass under General Wool to prisoners, and none others. There was but a single passenger, a lady, who went along with the flag of truce, and she had succeeded in getting a pass under General McLeese's own signature. This is the second time she has passed the Rubicon, and it will be the last.

General Butler went down to the fortress on Thursday night, and Friday at Newport News, was received with a salute, and up in the morning, and went up the capital upon business relating to the bridge, which consists of two regiments.

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